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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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TAGS:ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT WORKING PARTY ON THE EC-MAGHREB AGREEMENTS

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REF: GENEVA 8230

1. PARAGRAPH 4 OF BRUSSELS 1601 OF MARCH 23, 1973 PRESENTS  
THE ELEMENTS OF THE CASEY-SOAMES UNDERSTANDING. THE  
DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING A COPY OF THE TELEGRAM TO WARREN  
LAVOREL IN GENEVA.

2. THE CASEY-SOAMES POINTS AS THEY APPEAR IN BRUSSELS  
1601 ARE:

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- AN APPROPRIATE US COMMITMENT REGARDING A SYSTEM OF  
GENERALIZED PREFERENCES.

- AN ASSURANCE BY THE COMMUNITY THAT IT WILL NOT REQUIRE  
OR SEEK REVERSE PREFERENCES AS PART OF ITS TRADE ARRANGE-  
MENTS WITH SPECIFIED LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES --  
AND THAT IT WILL MAKE CLEAR TO THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION

THAT THE ABSENCE OF SUCH PREFERENCES WILL NOT REDUCE  
TRADE AND AID BENEFITS GRANTED TO THEM.

-- AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT CONCLUDE  
NEW PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LESS DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES BEYOND THOSE IN THE SPECIFIED LIST.

-- AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US WILL NOT CHALLENGE  
IN GATT THE AGREEMENTS IN QUESTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT  
THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE XXIV. WE WOULD, OF  
COURSE, RESERVE OUR LEGAL RIGHTS IN OTHER RESPECTS.

-- AN UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHERE THE REMAINING SPECIAL  
PREFERENCES CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US TRADE INTERESTS,  
THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEEK SOLUTIONS WITH  
US. CHRISTOPHER

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